



MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: RCP Walville Timber Sale, Agreement No. 30-084263 and Forest Practices Application No. 2919430. This is a variable retention harvest of 125 acres in 2 units, with 8,121 feet of road construction, 3,091 feet of reconstruction, and 11,212 feet of pre-haul maintenance.

Description of mitigation: The following mitigation measures will be implemented with this proposal:

- Approximately 1.1 acres of the original proposal were excluded from the harvest area due to potentially unstable slopes.
- Approximately 6.4 acres of Northern Spotted Owl Low Quality Habitat is in the proposal. 0.9 acres of the 6.4 will be retained in leave tree clumps. As mitigation for each owl habitat acre harvested, one acre of enhancement will be conducted in "next best" stands in a NRF management area. Mitigation for the harvest of the 5.5 acres in this proposal will take place in the Yacolt District within the Rain Creek Timber Sale, which is a variable density thinning planned for fiscal year 2010 in a NRF "next best" stand.
- Riparian Management Zones (RMZ) averaging 200 feet wide on type 3 streams and a minimum 100-foot RMZ along type 4 streams have been retained to protect water quality, provide corridors for wildlife, and maintain habitat for fish and amphibians.
- Wildlife tree and snag recruitment will be accomplished by retaining a minimum of 8 trees per acre, consisting of conifer and hardwood species.
- The most current design and construction techniques will be used for road construction and maintenance operations to minimize impacts on water quality.

Proponent: Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal: Sections 26, 35, 36, Township 13 North, Range 06 (West), W.M., approximately 6.5 miles by road, west of Pe Ell, WA, off the RCP road systems in Pacific County, Washington.

Lead agency: Department of Natural Resources

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

[] **There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.**

[X] This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from April 20, 2009. Comments must be submitted by May 4, 2009.

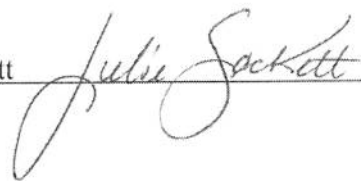
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There is no agency SEPA appeal.